

Kate Jensen

Experience

- Kate Jensen, C.S.W., M.S.W. has been the Domestic Violence Program Specialist for Utah's Division of Child and Family Services from June 1996 to July 2000, and from November 2001 to the present.
- Kate's challenge is to balance the management of state and federal funding for domestic violence services for shelter and treatment resources, program development, and continuity of services delivered through contracted agencies across the state *with* serving as a resource to Child and Family Services staff and integrating domestic violence into Practice Model Principles.
- Kate has been employed with Child and Family Services since 1985 and, in addition to working in domestic violence positions, she has also been assigned to child protective services and family preservation units.
- Prior to her employment with Child and Family Services, Kate was employed as a domestic violence shelter director, a social worker in a convalescent facility serving geriatric and psychiatric residents, and as an intake specialist in a mental health center.
- Kate has been involved as a facilitator for Practice Model training, and she is a certified Qualitative Case Reviewer of child welfare practice for the Child Welfare Policy and Practice Group. Kate has participated in reviews in Utah, Florida, Iowa, Tennessee, and Alabama. This varied experience with child welfare in other states has contributed to a greater appreciation for Utah's Practice Model.
- Kate is a Utah native, but also lays claim to a small stretch of beach on the rural Gulf Coast of Florida where opportunities for beach walking, shell collecting, swimming in bioluminescence and enjoying wildlife (porpoise, sea turtles, aerialist, and shorebirds) are a daily occurrence.
- Kate was indoctrinated early in the field of social work, beginning with being raised in a nuclear family that included natural siblings, adopted siblings, cousins, foster siblings, and "other quasi-adopted relatives."
- Kate has written and published a children's book used as a resource for advocates and therapists working with children who have experienced domestic violence.

Education

M.S.W., University of Utah, Child Welfare emphasis, graduated May 2001
B.A. Social Work, Utah State University, graduated (a very long time ago!) with an emphasis in Gerontology